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SUBJ : MISSING TENNECO HELICOPTER

1. ON AFTERNOON OF MARCH 26 AT APPROXIMATELY 5 TO 6 P.M., TENNECO HELICOPTER WAS REPORTED MISSING. THE HELICOPTER HAD ARRANGED TO LAND AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 50 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF MASSAWA, WHICH WAS BEING SECURED BY SECOND DIVISION. HOWEVER, IN RAIN AND HAIL STORM PLANE MISSED PLANNED LANDING SPOT AND LANDED AT GRID SQUARE HFT 8840, WHICH WAS 20 KILOMETERS FROM INTENDED SPOT. SECOND DIVISION TROOPS SAW PLANE AND BEGAN DRIVING TOWARDS IT. HOWEVER, PLANE TOOK OFF IN RAIN, HEADED IN DIRECTION OF MASSAWA.

2. VILLAGERS SAID THEY LATER SPOTTED PLANE ON HILL 348 (MAPDESIGNATIONS ARE ACCORDING TO MILITARY MAP). SECOND DIVISION BEGAN AIR SEARCH TODAY AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M. THEY RETURNED TO SITE REPORTED BY VILLAGERS BUT FOUND NOTHING. AIR SEARCH WAS CALLED OFF FOR THE DAY DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

3. IF POSSIBLE, U-21 MAAG AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN SEARCH TOMORROW.

4. THE HELICOPTER WAS A CHARTED CANADA WEST AIRCRAFT. PASSENGERS WERE MR. WILLIAM ROGERS, MR. CACEY OF TENNECO, CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE CANADIAN NATIONAL AND TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS.

CONGEN INFORMED MRS. ROGERS APPROXIMATELY 5:15 P.M. OF RESULTS OF TODAY'S SEARCH. MRS. ROGERS SAID SHE HAD INFORMATION THAT THE ABOVE PEOPLE WERE SAFE AND IN THE HANDS OF THE SECOND DIVISION.

5. COMMENT : THIS SEEMS TO BE WISHFUL THINKING IN LIGHT OF OUR RECENT INFORMATION FROM THE SECOND DIVISION.

6. THE ELF OPERATE IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE PLANE WAS REPORTED MISSING AND IN WHICH THE SEARCH IS BEING CONDUCTED.
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